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THE SINGIEWS

Hospital announces registration changes for July 1st

ORANJESTAD -- Several days ago the Aruba hospital completed the process of actualizing their registration system. To maintain the validity of the information they have registered they are dependent on the information they receive from their patients. To achieve this the hospital is reminding everyone about the documents they must submit at the moment they appear for registra-

tion at the hospital.

As in every other part of the world, there are different categories of patients. In Aruba we have the following categories of patients:

- 1. Patients who are covered by the AZV (national sickness insurance)
- 2. Patients who do not have AZV coverage, but who live on Aruba
 - 3. Patients who do not

live on Aruba

Patients who have the AZV coverage are required to present their valid AZV card at registration along with a valid photo ID. For minors it is always advisable that a parent accompany them at the time of registration. The parent must submit the child's AZV card and the ID of the parent.

A patient who does not have the AZV coverage, but

who lives on Aruba must submit the following documents:

* a valid photo ID of Aruba * or, a copy of a valid work permit or residence permit

In the event the patient has a personal private health insurance, it is advisable that they show this document.

Patients who do not live on Aruba must show a valid passport and if they are insured by a foreign insurance company they must show proof of same.

Patients in categories 2 and 3 are required to pay immediately for any service rendered. Obviously the amount to be paid will depend on the type of

service rendered.

These rules are valid for all types of hospital services, to include admission, revalidation, and emergency department as well as for services rendered at the offices of a hospital medical specialist.

Through this means the hospital intends to provide the best possible service to her patients and expects everyone to adhere to these rules to ensure a smooth operation. This way the hospital will be able to achieve a new level of care and service to all patients on Aruba.



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Venezuela's Chavez admits cancer treatment while Army pledges loyalty



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CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) - Venezuela's army, which in 2002 launched a failed coup against President Hugo Chavez, pledged its loyalty Friday to the firebrand leader after he admitted having had a cancerous tumor removed.

"Of course, I guarantee the Armed Forces support for the president," said General Henry Rangel Silva, head of the

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Strategic Operational Command.

In a bombshell announcement that rocked the politically polarized South American oil power he has led for more than a decade, Chavez -- recovering in Cuba where he underwent emergency

surgery -- ended weeks of speculation about his health and unprecedented absence from public life.

"Studies confirmed the existence of a tumor with cancerous cells," the 56-year-old leftist leader said late Thursday in his first televised address since being rushed to hospital in Cuba on June 10 during a state visit.

Venezuelan officials had said he was being treated for a painful pelvic abscess, but Chavez announced that the operation had uncovered the tumor and a second operation had been deemed necessary to remove it

Chavez did not say where the tumor was found or what type of cancer was detected.

In contrast to his famously long, improvised speeches that often run hours on end and frefeature diatribes quently against US "imperialism," Chavez's pre-recorded address was read from a script in a tight 15-minute video.

Flanked by an image of Venezuelan independence hero Simon Bolivar and the national flag, Chavez was visibly thinner but animated at times.

"I have kept informed and am in control of the Venezuelan government," Chavez said, adding that he has been in "constant communication" with Vice President Elias Jaua and members of his administration.

The president of South America's biggest oil producer and champion of the Latin American left did not, however, indicate when he would return to Venezuela, where he has been elected president three times since 1998.

Obama nominates new anti-terror chief

WASHINGTON,(AFP) - President Barack Obama on Friday nominated intelligence specialist Matthew Olsen to head the National Counterterrorism Center, which works to thwart attacks on US soil

Olsen, a lawyer who is currently general counsel at the secretive National Security Agency, has also served in the Justice Department and will replace Michael Leiter, who stepped down last month.

If confirmed by the Senate, Olsen will join the center as it seeks to share counterterrorism information and threat data across the US government and its myriad intelligence agencies.

At the Justice Department, Olsen conducted a comprehensive review of intelligence information on detainees at the Guantanamo Bay camp for terror suspects as part of Obama's so-far unsuccessful attempt to close the facility.

The new strategy comes 10 years into the US-led "war on terror," launched by former president George W. Bush after the deadly September 11 attacks on the United States.

Greek coastguards intercept US Gaza-bound ship



ATHENS, Greece-Coastguard officials intercepted a US vessel Friday after it tried to sail from port -- in defiance of a Greek ban -- to challenge Israel's naval blockade on Gaza. The Audacity of Hope set sail for Gaza without warning, leaving behind nine other ships in a pro-Palestinian international flotilla. The boat, part in the 2011 'Freedom Flotilla" hopes to break Israel's naval blockade on Gaza and is carrying 3,000 letters of support for Pales-

Mass rape in DRCongo:

Troops under a former rebel commander raped 121 women in the Democratic Republic of Congo's South Kivu region between June 11-13, a UN spokesman said Friday.

"According to interviews with the medical personnel, local authorities and alleged victims, the troops raped 121 women. They also committed acts of looting," deputy spokesman Farhan Haq told a briefing in New York.

The information was gathered by UN mission members and UNHCR staff," he said, referring to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. A second mission is expected to go to Niakele in coming days, the spokesman added.

Shortly after the attacks, area lawmaker Jean-Marie Ngoma said Colonel Niragire Kifaru and the roughly 200 fighters under his command were responsible.

ColonelVianney Kazarama,

spokesman for the DRC's armed forces (FARDC) in South Kivu, had previously denied that Colonel Kifaru was involved in the rapes.

Kazarama admitted that Kifaru had deserted and "taken to the bush, because he wanted troops (being integrated into the regular army) to be taken into consideration, because they had no water and nothing to eat."

Kifaru is a former member of the Mai Mai tribal militia who integrated into the national army.

The UN, rights groups and foreign governments have long complained about impunity for heinous crimes committed by soldiers in the DRC.

Margot Wallstrom, UN's special representative on combating sexual violence in conflict, has in the past called DRC the "rape capital" of the world

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servants of St. Maarten visit Aruba



On June 5th, 2011 two civil servants Miss Julisa Frans and Catherine Arrindell-Conner from the Ministry of Finance of St. Maarten, section Financial Policy, Taxes and Budgeting, left to Aruba for a two-week working visit at the Ministry of Finance.

The entire working visit was prepared and supervised by Mrs. Mary Ann de Jong-Curet, Section head Budgeting and Policy of the Department of Finance for the Ministry Finance Aruba, but paid for by the Minister of Finance St. Maarten. During their stay in Aruba they met with Section Heads and staff members of the Finance department, Economic Affairs department, Audit Council, Tax department, the Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy and his policy advisor/Chief of Staff. They also had the opportunity to attend a 2012 Parliament budget meeting and took part in the Public Finances Aruba(LOFA)

According to Miss Frans and Mrs. Arrindell-Conner "it was a very intense two week work visit where they were given in depth insight into the policy and budgeting process within the legal framework. Economic growth projections and tax matters were discussed. The information and advice received will definitely help the section of Financial Policy, Taxes and Budgeting with their daily work activities and advising role within Government.

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Ministry of Finance civil New Bike-Cross Track at Parke Jaburibari!



The BMX organization has for quite some time been requesting to have a professional Bike-Cross track on Aruba. They frequently organize Bike-Cross races, but had no professional race tracks.

After a meeting with the BMX organization, Minister of Sports, Richard Visser, quickly arranged for a track designed according to UCI norms. This track was officially inaugurated during the past weekend. For this inaugural event they organized an international race and as many as 120 athletes came from Ecuador, Mexico. Venezuela, Curacao and from various other countries. Together with our own local racers they proved that there was the need for such a profes-



sional race track here, which is now the first of its kind in the Caribbean.

Soon other countries will begin organizing exchanges with our Aruban athletes, so that during their winter seasons they would send their athletes here to train and compete on our professional track. Aruba now has its very own professional Bike-Cross track!

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"NOVA ARUBA" opens at Ateliers '89



Cartooning instructor Styrmir Orn Gudmundsson

Thursday evening, June 30, the Ateliers '89 Center for cultural advancement and education conducted a gala opening. The art on display is the result of the current workshops of Painting – cspecifically story painting, combining various elements and Comic drawing, with visiting master instructors

Arnar Asgeirsson and Srymir Gudmonsson of Iceland, respectively.

Storytelling was a principal theme for students of both workshops; a decision by Arnar and Srymir to Illustrate how different mediums can en-





Criminal subject produces whimsical art; Arnar Asgeirsson before a painting by Nuris

Lampe

assigned to interpret crime and produce comic books and portraits, a number of which resulted in "wanted posters." For the exposition, a book of sample drawing was printed, while the projection room features animated films of the drawings and a selection of the larger pieces. Elvis Lopez, Founder and Director of the current Ateliers '89, observed "Arnar took the painting workshop to a greater level and the participants were inspired by working on a grander scale than usual. Their works are big in story and size."

Arner and Stymir expressed great satisfaction with the results of the current workshops, which they also found a learning experience. "We are unaccustomed to working with this age group of around 30+, usually the students are quite young, or much older," they commented. Arnar also found his group of students were "particularly social and supportive; offering constructive critique and comments on each other's work, it was really quite refreshing."

The results are an interesting mix combining highly graphic black and white pieces with large paintings we found decidedly spiritual producing a varied and stimulating display. The current exposition can be viewed at Dominicanessestraat



Susan van Spall and Edith de Vogel

34 in Oranjestad Monday through Friday. For information and directions call 565-4613 or 588-5776. Visit their website www.ateliers89.com for more information on upcoming workshops such as ART TALKS ARUBA with Paco Barragán beginning this

Monday, July 4. Spaces are still available for participation; Elvis describes the program as containing essential information for artists wishing to learn how to best exhibit and promote their work.

by Rosalie Klein





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Government announces strict controls on illegal garbage dumping

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba informative office – BUVO, announces that as of August 1, 2011 government officials will continue with stringent controls of illegal garbage dumping on private properties. The government introduced a change in the Algemene Politie Verordening (APV) – General Police Regulation and art. 55 stating that it is against the law to dump garbage in private properties.

On Aruba there are several empty plots that are used by their owners to dig out sand for construction and various uses, resulting in large holes that are used to dump garbage, thus creating an illegal dumpsite.

Besides being very unsightly, this practice also poses a health danger to the community. Vermin of all types live and breed there, as do the mosquitoes that cause Dengue when water collects in empty receptacles, and in case of a fire, plastic and similar materials create voluminous fumes hazardous to the health of those living in the vicinity. The dumpsite at Parkietenbos is the only place to deposit garbage legally and responsibly.

All illegal dumpsites will be controlled and sites were sand is frequently excavated. If those sites do not comply with the rules, then all activities on the land will be stopped and the place will be closed.

Tera Foundation announces Tera Aruba project for Palm Beach area

Environmental advocate Tony Cox, Chairman of the Tera Foundation, and founder of one of Aruba's most popular attractions, The Butterfly Farm, welcomed island media to the site of what will be a fully realized, interactive natural reserved in Palm Beach, spearheaded by the Tera Foundation.

Gold Coast

An area of land that borders the shoreline between the Westin and Divi Phoenix resorts has been zoned as a natural reserve; Tera Park will be part of the Tera Aruba Project, which includes plans for the development of a botanical garden, educational center, art center and ecorestaurant. The foundation also revealed plans to improve Aruba's Bird Sanctuary, which will make it more accessible to nature lovers, photographers and bird

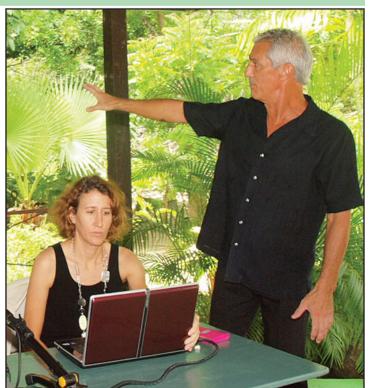
watchers through boardwalk paths and observation posts.

Tera is a non-profit foundation. Their vision is to have the various attractions showcase the indigenous flora and fauna of Aruba. The restaurant will feature a healthy menu employing locally grown fresh food and cuisine served on bio-degradable materials.

"TERA Park was conceived as a way to ensure land slated as a protected, green area is forever utilized for that purpose, while actively contributing to fosterecologically-based initiatives," explained Tony. "We embrace and applaud the efforts the government is currently pursuing in its vision for sustainable development and a ecologically-sound future for the island. The TERA project is well in line with this same goal."

"Our intention is to involve the entire community of Aruba, bringing together foundations with similar purpose, youth groups, and interested individuals. We hope to island visitors through educational programs, unique activities and collaborative efforts that exponentially increase the growth of green ideas." Tony also mentioned that conforming to environmental preservation standards has now become an aspect of tourism; organizations are studying and publishing their findings on various destinations in their efforts to meet or exceed these standards and many would-be travelers are taking them into consideration when planning a vacation.

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Founder Tony Cox and publicist Doreen Kralick

Sci-Tech

There Are Now 100,000 Apps for the iPad



The owners of Apple's iPad now have 100,000 apps to choose from, Macstories reports.

This is quite an accomplishment given that the original iPad was launched less than a year and a half ago, in April 2010. In March 2011,

there were 75,000 apps available for the iPad; it took roughly three months to reach the magic 100,000 number.

For comparison, there are less than a 1,000 apps available in the Android Market for Honeycomb, the Android variant aimed specifically for tablets (bear in mind that many Android tablets are based on other versions of Android, such as Gingerbread and Froyo, which makes it hard to calculate the exact number of tablet-specific Android apps)

cific Android apps).

As for Apple's iOS platform in general, which the iPad shares with the iPhone and iPod touch, it recently reached half a million approved apps.

Pond insect 'loudest animal on Earth'



A tiny 'water boatman' insect is the world's loudest animal relative to its body size, according to a new study.

Males of the Micronecta scholtzi species serenade their sweethearts with a three-part song made by rubbing their genitalia against their abdomens, but it remains a mystery how or why the creatures make such a loud mating call.

"This insect is a few millimetres in length yet can produce sound audible from the riverside," says the study by scientists from France and Scotland, published by the PLoS ONE scientific organisation.

The song was recorded at noise levels up to 99.2 decibels, "a significant output

considering the small size of the insect."

The water boatman outperformed marine and terrestrial mammal vocalisations, the researchers say.

"Such an extreme display may be interpreted as an exaggerated secondary sexual trait resulting from a runaway sexual selection without predation pressure," they said.

They admitted, however: "The mechanism behind the intense sound production of M. scholtzi is not clearly identified. There are no obvious body or external resonating systems that could amplify the sound.

Micronecta scholtzi are freshwater insects measuring just 2mm that are common across Europe.





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Apple-Microsoft group pays \$4.5 bn for Nortel patents

MONTREAL (AFP) - A consortium led by Apple and Microsoft won an auction for some 6,000 patents held by bankrupt Canadian firm Nortel, their \$4.5 billion bid beating Google and Intel, Nortel announced on Friday.

The consortium consisting of Apple, EMC, Ericsson, Microsoft, Research in Motion and Sony agreed to pay cash for the portfolio of patents ranging from wireless technology to semiconductors, Nortel said in a statement.

The huge sum spent on the patents and the involvement of many of the world's top tech companies reflects the fierce battle for intellectual property in the tech industry, where firms are often hit with patent-infringement lawsuits.

The \$4.5 billion price tag was three times larger than what analysts had initially expected Nortel's patents would sell for.

"That is a staggering amount of money," patent lawyer Patrick Igoe commented in a post on his Apple Patent blog.

The agreement is still subject to US and Canadian court approval, which will be sought at a joint hearing scheduled for July 11, Nortel said.

"Following a very robust auction, we are pleased at the outcome of the auction of this extensive patent portfolio," George Riedel, Nortel's chief strategy officer and president of business units, said in the statement.

The news marked a defeat for Google, which had said in April that it was bidding \$900 million for the patents in a bid to beef up its intellectual property portfolio. Chipmaker Intel had also expressed interest.

"This outcome is disap-

pointing for anyone who believes that open innovation benefits users and promotes creativity and competition," Kent Walker, senior vice president and general counsel at Google, said in a statement.

"We will keep working to reduce the current flood of patent litigation that hurts both innovators and consumers."

Google is currently being sued by software giant Oracle over technology used in its Android smartphone operating system, in one of many patent-infringement lawsuits that have bedeviled the search giant.

The threat of more such lawsuits spurred Google to make its \$900 billion bid to buy the patent portfolio of bankrupt Nortel, a once-pioneering developer of wireless and fiber-optic technology.



Health & Living

Internet Sex Offenders Reveal Some Patterns



-- About two-thirds of Internet sexual offenders bring up the topic of sex during the first chat session with adolescents and young adults, a new study has found.

This and other findings highlight the dangers that social networks can pose to some young people, according to the researchers who conducted the study, reported in the July issue of the American Journal of Nursing.

Among the other findings:
•More than half of the Internet sexual offenders said they disguise their identity when online, and most said they prefer communicating with teen girls rather than boys.

•More than half of the high school girls (56.7 percent) in the study knew about sexting (sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically), compared with 46.9 percent of boys. Private school students were more likely to know about sexting than public school students - 75 percent versus 50 percent.

•Of the 59 middle school students who said they chatted with strangers online, 32 of them said they had met the stranger in person, and three of these said they were sexually assaulted or inappropriately touched.

•Of the 51 high school boys who said they had a face-to-face meeting with a stranger they met online, 33 said "something sexual" (consensual) happened, and 10 reported being threatened or sexually assaulted.

•Of the 58 high school girls who said they met in person with a stranger they met online, 21 said something sexual happened and seven said they were threatened or sexually assaulted.

Hundreds of cartons of medicine stolen from SLeone port



Airport workers unload boxes of medical supplies from an airplane.

FREETOWN Sierra Leone-Sierra Leone's Vice President Sam Sumana yesterday slammed the theft of 366 cartons of medical supplies from the country's port, meant for a free healthcare system for women and young children.



The cartons, each containing around 750 smaller boxes, were stolen from two of 45 containers which have been held up at the port for months as an investigation is launched into drugs which have gone missing since last year.

"Those who committed the crime are saboteurs of President (Ernest) Koroma's vision to bring affordable health to all Sierra Leoneans," he said, calling for an urgent investigation into the matter.

Health ministry spokesman Abdoulaye Kamara told AFP that when the two containers were checked, 366 cartons were found to be missing and the shipment "did not tally with the manifest we received."

A police source said the

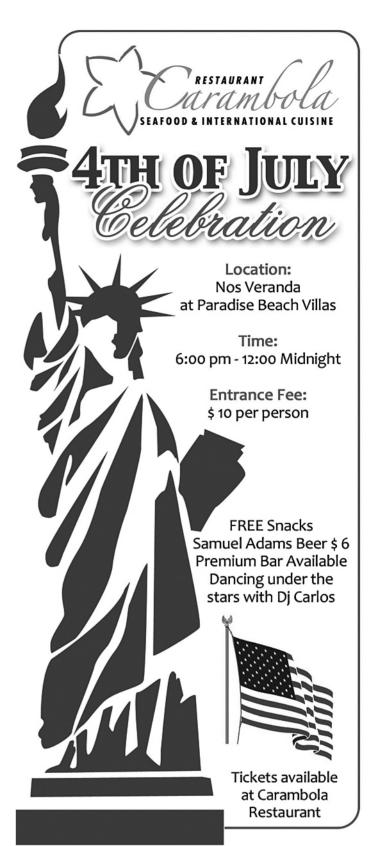
missing cartons contained drugs, rehydrated salt, insecticide-treated bednets, condoms and hospital equipment imported from Denmark by the UN children's agency (UNICEF).

Security officials also reported a police and navy patrol unit had intercepted two boats heading to neighbouring Guinea loaded with a huge consignment of medicines.

"All of the consignment had the markings of the Sierra Leone government/ministry of health stamped on the boxes and we've arrested a number of people," local unit commander, Chief Superindent Bakarr Koroma, told journalists.

Sierra Leone's Anti-Corruption Commission has set up a special task force to probe complaints of "blatant and wilful misuse" of the free health care programme.

The 90 million dollar (67 million euro) free healthcare programme for pregnant women, nursing mothers and children under five years old was launched in April last year with donor aid from UNICEF, the World Bank and the World Health Organisation and the UK Department for International Development.



Many countries failing on UN hunger goal:

FAO nominee

UNITED NATION -Many poor countries will fail to meet a UN goal of halving world hunger by 2015, the UN food agency's newly-elected Brazilian chief told AFP Friday in one of his first interviews since being nominated.

"Many poor countries will not be able to reach the target," Jose Graziano Da Silva said, referring to the aim of more than halving the number of the world's hungry to around 400 million people from the current level of around 925 million. "Eradicating hunger by 2015 will not be possible," he said.

Graziano was elected on

Sunday by FAO member states with 92 votes in his favour and 88 against, becoming the first Latin American leader of the Rome-based agency which is tasked with fighting global hunger.

"The countries that have shown major progress have involved their societies in the issue of eradicating hunger," said Graziano, the man behind the Zero Hunger programme in Brazil.

Graziano said he expected FAO member states to approve an increase in the organisation's budget ,saying: "The solidarity of the developed world is crucial."



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They also got an opportunity to pay an educational and exciting visit to Parke Arikok & Museo Archeologico.

Miss Frans and Mrs. Arrindell-Conner expressed their gratitude for the opportunity that both the Minister

of Finance of St. Maarten, Mr. H. Shigemoto and the Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and En-

ergy Mike de Meza gave them and have only praise for all the various persons that they met who were more than willing to share their knowledge and expertise and have shown their willingness to assist and support Country St Maarten on it's journey.

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Tera Foundation announces Tera Aruba project...

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Eco Park Plan

Tera Foundation expressed a firm belief that an eco-attraction within walking distance of major resorts will be a decided asset to the island, as well as serving the environment, residents and future generations.

An official introduction of TERA Park with a ground-

breaking ceremony is slated to take place during the Green Aruba conference this coming October. Mr. Cox estimated completion date from 18 to 24 months from that date.

by Rosalie Klein



More than 100 participants for ARA's fundraising bike ride



The fundraising bike ride for the Animal Rights Aruba (ARA) foundation, which helps alleviate the suffering of abused and maltreated animals on the island, was a resounding success. More than 100 participants stood ready last Sunday morning for the early, 8 am start. Among them were youngest participant Soebaia, who had herself transported in a comfortable seat on the back of her father's bicycle, several impressive juniors, the tough guys of the 'Dikke Buiken Club' and a surprising number of men in the `Strakke Billen Club', the female counterpart for the Dikke Buiken (translated into Fat Bellies and Tight Behinds). Main sponsors of the

terrific ride were De Suikertuin, Tri-Bike with 20 bikes and the Marinierskazerne (Geert) with bikes and a broom wagon. The Sultana cookies were courtesy of Frasa and the water came from the Radisson Resort.

At the start on the parking lot of the Marinierskazerne, the bikers were divided into three groups according to their level of experience. The beginners took the road into San Nicolas, the Colony and the North Coast, where they met up with the fast-paced Dikke Buiken and the Strakke Billen for an early, but muchneeded10 am lunch break beneath the overhang at Fontein. After that there were just a few

bone breaking hills in Arikok National Park before the long stretch down towards the Marinierskazerne in Savaneta. Sunburned, windblown and tired but happy, the participants went home again before noon.

The board of the ARA wishes to thank everybody who cycled along, the people who came to donate money without participating, De Suikertuin Restaurant, Tri-Bike, the Mariniers, Frasa and Radisson for their support. A special mention is for Magic FM's Erin Croes, who graciously donated a radio jingle to promote the event. The ARA Bike Ride was a blast!

Artist Timothy Charles and a group of young artists to create a giant mural







Aruba's Archeological Museum revealed an ambitious artistic project coming into the parking lot of Kong Hing Supermarket located just across the street from the museum.

While the market donated the wall, local artist Timothy Charles was recruited by the museum to develop a mural, and execute it with the help of budding local artists from Oranjestad and San Nicolas.

Glenrick Franken, 15, Roz Anne Clement, 15, Abisha Chai, 16, Ann Sophy Donk, 17, Rowald Tromp, 20 and Yuxemy Alba, 17, already worked on a mural, that in the parking lot of the Oranjestad bus station, creating 25 colorful panels.

This time, again under the artistic direction of Timothy Charles they will be painting on a broad canvas, scenes inspired by active, healthy living, encouraging those walking past the mural to exercise and eat right.

The mural is part of the Archeological Museum summer program for students and will take about two weeks to complete. Visit the artists any afternoon at the site.

Timothy Charles hosts a TV show by the name of "Creatividad," each Thursday on Tele Aruba.

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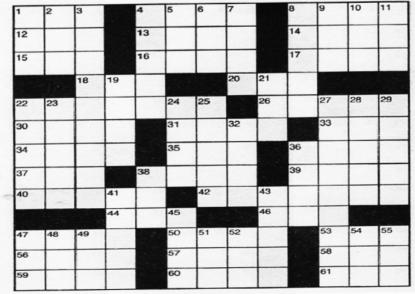
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Oil prices ease on 'disappointing' from house arrest, Chinese data



NEW YORK, (AFP) - World oil prices fell Friday on a sharp slowdown for manufacturing in China, the world's biggest consumer of energy, and new US steps toward releasing crude from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Sentiment was also hit by downbeat manufacturing data in Britain and the eurozone, and only slightly positive figures for June from the United

The benchmark WTI crude for August delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex) fell 48 cents to \$94.94 a barrel.

In London, Brent North Sea for August lost 71 cents from Thursday to \$111.77 a

Growth in China's manu-

facturing activity almost stalled in June, with the official PMI falling for the third straight month to 50.9 in June from 52.0 in May, official data showed.

Although trade was tentative ahead of the long US July 4 holiday weekend, Andy Lipow of Lipow Oil Associates said the coming release of US oil stocks, part of an International Energy Agency intervention to slow prices rises, also had weight on prices

Game maker Zynga files for billion IPO



NEW YORK, (AFP) - Zynga, maker of FarmVille and other online games, filed paperwork Friday for an initial public offering aiming to raise about \$1 billion from the markets.

Zynga expects to raise \$1 billion from the IPO, based on a figure used to calculate its

Recent media reports have suggested the company could sell about 10 percent of its shares and command a market valuation of between \$15 and \$20 billion or even higher.

The number of shares to be sold and the price range for the offering have yet to be deter-

Founded in 2007, the San Francisco-basedsoftware company makes notoriously addictive games which run on top of social networking site Facebook, including Zynga Poker and Mafia Wars.

The company boasts more than 250 million players per month, dwarfing its competitors in the social gaming space.

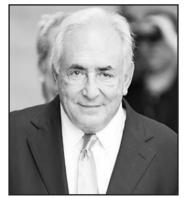
According to its SEC filing, Zynga enjoyed \$235.4 million in revenue in the first three months of the year, compared to just \$100.9 million in the same period of 2010.

Though the game is free to play, FarmVille players spend real money to buy virtual goods for their farms, and Zynga has come under criticism for deceptive schemes designed to get players to spend more.

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Strauss-Kahn freed case 'not over'



Former International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Do-minique Strauss-Kahn leaving the New York State Supreme Court.

NEW YORK, (AFP) - A US judge released Dominique Strauss-Kahn on his "own recognizance" Friday, but prosecutors who consented to the easing of bail restrictions did not dismiss the sexual assault case against the former IMF chief.

The French politician was in a New York courtroom for a

brief but extraordinary hearing in the wake of reports that prosecutors had grave doubts about the credibility Strauss-Kahn's accuser, a Guinea-born hotel maid.

While sources suggested to US media that the case had serious problems, Judge Michael Obus stressed that the "case is not over, as you've just heard," and Strauss-Kahn's passport was withheld from him.

Strauss-Kahn is now able to travel freely in the United States and will have his \$1 million bail and \$5 million bond returned, after prosecutors declined to contest the move.

The sensational twists to the case have raised hopes among France's opposition that the case will collapse and the Socialist heavyweight could return to politics, perhaps even as a candidate to fight Nicolas Sarkozy for the presidency in 2012.



Flamanville, France: A man stands in front of the construction site of the third-generation European Pressurised Water nuclear reactor (EPR) on July 1st, 2011 in the French northwestern city of Flamanville. European deputies and union representatives are due to visit the site today after the Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN) denounced in a report a "deliberate process" of non-reporting of accidents.

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Owner Varella Inno-

cencia confesses she Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They



Keeshi Yena with plantains & vegetables

also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up takeout containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your

favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on

yellowpages-aruba. com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this.

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships,



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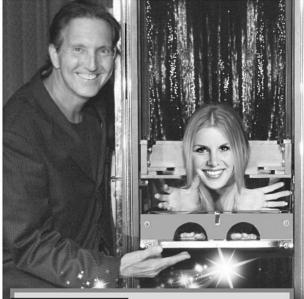
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Women's rights 'great struggle' of 21st century: Hillary Clinton



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (R) and Lithuania's President Dalia Grybauskaite attend the international conference "Women Enhancing Democracy: Best Practices"

The struggle for women's rights is a touchstone of the 21st century, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said at a conference in Lithuania, known for its female top politi-

"We can see that in the 19th century the great human rights struggle was against organised slavery. In the 20th century, the great struggle was against totalitarianism," Clinton told a session of the Community of Democracies focused on women. "The great struggle of the 21st century is to ensure that women are fully given the rights they have as human beings, in their families, in their societies and in the world." she said.

FormerSoviet-ruled Lithua-

nia is currently in charge of the Community of Democracies, an informal grouping of more than a hundred democratic countries set up in 2000.

Its East European members are keen to share know-how built up over two decades since the collapse of their region's communist regimes.

Clinton lauded Lithuania, a European Union member of three million, for setting a benchmark for others due to the number of women in top political posts.

"Just look at Lithuania today -- it has not only conducted a very successful chairmanship of the Community of Democracies but it is setting a high standard to the rest of us - - a female president, a female speaker of parliament, a female finance minister and a female defence minister," she said.

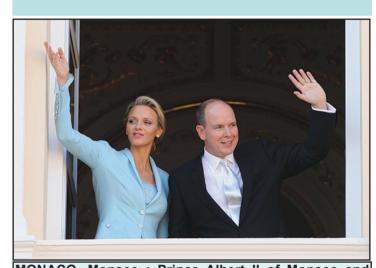
While some democracies use gender quotas to ehance the role of women, Grybauskaite said this week that she did not think they were always needed.

"In some countries -- which are just starting to think about allowing women to walk a street or remove their covers, or let them drive or walk on a street alone -- maybe quotas would be the first necessary push in such countries to protect women's human rights," she said.

Also in Vilnius was President Taria Halonen of Finland -- a country often held up as an example for women's rights -who said quotas could also be applied to men.

"It is also the other way round. In certain sectors there is a large majority of women, in others, men dominate. In the city council of Helsinki, we noticed there were female-dominated commissions for social welfare. We started to use quotas of 40 percent reserved for men," she said.

At Last united



MONACO, Monaco: Prince Albert II of Monaco and Princess Charlene of Monaco greet people on the balcony after their civil wedding at the Prince's Palace on July 1, 2011 in Monaco. The newly-minted Princess Charlene wore a Chanel pantsuit, to the civil ceremony. Wittstock and Prince Albert, have more lavish plans for a religious ceremony and gala today. **AFP PHOTO**

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Sawa lifts Japan to quarters as England survive scare



Japanese midfielder Homare sawa celebrates with teammate after scoring

LEVERKUSEN (AFP) - Homare Sawa scored a hattrick to put Japan through to the quarter-finals of the women's World Cup with a 4-0 rout of Group B rivals Mexico Friday as England battled past New Zealand 2-1.

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The 32-year-old from Tokyo stole the show in Leverkusen as she helped lift 'the Nadeshiko' to just their second quarter-finals after 1995, with Shinobu Ohno also finding the net for the Japanese.

England are on the verge of their third quarter-finals in as many appearances in the tournament despite suffering a scare in Dresden.

A first-half goal from Sarah Gregorius had put the New Zealand Ferns into a shock lead before Everton midfielder Jill Scott equalised and then substitute Jessica Clarke hit the winner.

With four points, England are almost assured of a place in the last eight after 1995 and 2007, but they still face unbeaten Japan in Augsburg next Tuesday.

Sawa combined perfectly with fellow midfielder Aya Miyama to score two early goals after 13 and 39 minutes, adding her third on 80 minutes for a Japanese World Cup record. Ohno netted after 15 minutes.

"Even for myself it was a bit of a surprise," said Sawa, who is competing in her fifth World Cup.

"I didn't dare imagine I could score so many as three goals.

"The first and second were in combination with Miyama and she really gave me a nice ball. You could also say they're Aya's goals too."

Coach Norio Sasaki praised the strong team spirit.

"Individual players didn't try to show off their own skills but played as a team and that was good," he said.

The Japanese demolished the young Mexican side to achieve their second win after their 2-1 opening success against New Zealand.

Nicknamed 'the Nadeshiko' -- a pink flower symbolising grace and beauty -- the Japanese showed their



England defender Sophie Bradley (R) and Goalkeeper Karen Bardsley celebrate

mettle from the outset.

Sawa, the country's record 168-capped player, headed in after 13 minutes from a Miyama freekick and two minutes later her INAC Leonessa teammate Ohno doubled their account.

The Mexicans, who held England 1-1 in their opener, were left helpless as Sawa added a second six minutes before the break when she rose above the melee in front of goal to head in a Miyama corner.

And she broke Mexican

hearts when she fired in past diving 16-year-old keeper Cecilia Santiago following a Yukari Kinga cross on 80 minutes, before being substituted to an ovation from the crowd 22,291 crowd.

It was a triumphant start to the tournament for the fourthranked Japanese who did now even know if they could compete in Germany after the earthquake and tsumani that devastated their country in March.

Mexico coach Leonardo Cuellar believes Japan can win the title.

"They're an excellent team and they are definitely going to be one of the contenders in this World Cup," said Cuellar

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England made a bright start in front of a crowd of 19,110 despite early worries when experienced striker Kelly Smith limped off with an ankle injury.

She recovered enough to return to the pitch, but her team were shocked when Gregorius stabbed the ball past Karen Bardsley after 18 minutes.

The 23-year-old could have made it 2-0 towards the end of the first half when she managed to get behind two England defenders with the ball at her feet, but failed to make her shot count.

England's sustained pressure early in the second half paid off when defender Alex Scott curled in a cross which Scott headed over the out-stretched arms of Kiwi goalkeeper Bindon after 63 minutes.

But the Kiwis' brief dreams of an historic first World Cup point were dashed after Clarke came off the bench to score the winner on 81 minutes.

"We needed the win which was fantastic," said Clarke.

"To be honest, I can't say why we haven't clicked so far.

New Zealand are now going home after their second defeat and are playing for pride against the Mexicans in Sinsheim on Tuesday, who still have a mathematical chance of going through, but need a goal-packed win.

The competition continues today with Group D leaders Brazil and Norway looking to gain a foothold in the knock-out round in Wolfsburg as Australia and Equatorial Guinea square off looking for their first points in Bochum.



Mayweather takes a hit in court fight with Pacquiao

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Unbeaten US fighter Floyd Mayweather might not be climbing into the ring with Filipino star Manny Pacquiao any time soon, but he has taken a hit in their ongoing legal battle.

US District Judge Larry Hicks has denied a request by Mayweather to delay a deposition in Pacquiao's defamation case against the US fighter, who Pacquiao claims defamed him by saying he used performance-enhancing drugs.

Hicks upheld a lower court order for Mayweather to give his deposition, which had been scheduled for June 17, saying Mayweather's request for a postponement was "without merit", having no legal basis behind it.

Talks between Mayweather and Pacquiao failed over Mayweather's insistence that "Pac-Man" take blood doping tests within three weeks of the fight, something Pacquiao did not want to do and under typical US doping rules would not have had to do.

Dravid, Laxman consolidate for India

BRIDGETOWN (AFP) - Rahul Dravid and V.V.S. Laxman beefed up India's lead with a 54-run, third-wicket stand, carrying them to 143 for two in their second innings at tea in the rain-affected second Test against West Indies on Friday.

Dravid was not out on 48 and Laxman was not out on 26, taking the Indians to an overall lead of 154 at the interval on the rain-hit fourth day.

The visitors' two most decorated batsmen drew upon their vast experience to consolidate their side's position, after they lost opener Abhinav Mukund in the first hour following lunch.

Mukund was caught behind for 48, gloving a snorter from Fidel Edwards, following a 63-run, second-wicket stand with Dravid.

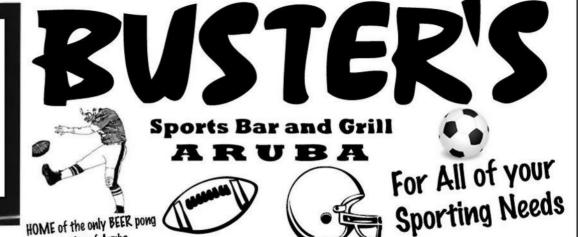
Before lunch, India reached 62 for one, after play started 50 minutes later than regularly scheduled.

India are looking to wrap up their second straight Test series victory over West Indies in the Caribbean.

They will also be looking to create a piece of history by becoming the first Indian side to win a Test and One-day International series in the Caribbean - but they will also have to overcome their poor history here.



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Nike signs Vick to new endorsement deal



PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Michael Vick, whose NFL career and sponsorship riches vanished after being convicted for his role in a dog-fight gambling ring, has signed a new endorsement deal with Nike.

Nike spokesmen and Vick's agent confirmed the move on Friday, a development that in many ways completes a full circle comeback for the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback after his 20month stay in a federal prison.

"We have re-signed Michael Vick as a Nike athlete," a Nike spokesman said.

"Michael acknowledges his past mistakes. We do not condone those actions but we support the positive changes he has made to better himself off the field."

The unique deal is believed to be the first for a major US sport star in which an endorser dropped an athlete only to later re-sign him.

Vick was a star with the Atlanta Falcons known for his scoring threat as a runner or a passer and among the NFL's highest-paid players before his role in financing a dogfight ring became known.

After losing endorsement deals with Nike and other sponsors in 2007 before being imprisoned, Vick made a comeback in 2009 with the Eagles and last year took charge of the team's offensive unit.

Nadal sets up Djokovic showdown



Nadal

LONDON (AFP) - Defending champion Rafael Nadal will get the chance to avenge the imminent loss of his world number one ranking to Novak Djokovic after the two rivals set up a Wimbledon final showdown here Friday.

Djokovic ensured he will topple Nadal at the top of the ATP's latest rankings earlier Friday after a stylish 7-6 (7/4), 6-2, 6-7 (9/11), 6-3 semi-final win over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Centre Court.

A few hours later, top seed Nadal joined Djokovic in Sunday's final after shattering Andy Murray's Wimbledon dream with a comprehensive 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 win over the British fourth seed.

Nadal's victory means the Spaniard will be given an early opportunity to remind Djokovic that he may only have a temporary lease on the number one spot as he chases an 11th Grand Slam title.

Nadal leads 16-11 in matches against Djokovic, although the Serb has won all four of their encounters this year

"For me it's a dream to be back in the final," said Nadal

after his win over Murray. "I feel sad for Andy, he deserved to be in the final. It's tough for him to lose this match today, but I wish him all the best for the rest of the year.

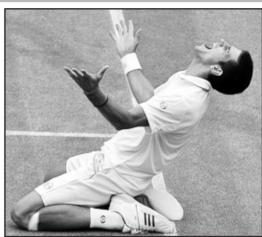
"I think I played very well. To win against Andy I had to play my

best tennis and today I played my best tennis."

Earlier, an ecstatic Djokovic said reaching the final and gaining the number one ranking represented the realisation of twin childhood dreams.

"It's difficult to put into words," said Djokovic. "This is one of the best feelings I've had on a tennis court. My dreams are coming true -- into my first final at Wimbledon.

"I've been working all my life for this. I've been dreaming about playing the final in Wimbledon since I started



Diokovic

playing tennis when I was four, so to be there in the final on Sunday will be fantastic."

Tsonga meanwhile said Djokovic would be a worthy world number one after a season which has seen him reach the last four of all three Grand Slams, a run which included his second Australian Open crown.

"I think he's the best player in the world for the moment. He won the Australian Open. He got to the semis at Roland Garros. And now he's in final here," Tsonga said. "So he's maybe the best."

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Optimistic Costa Rica, Colombia chase Argentina



SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY (AFP) - While all eyes were yesterday on Argentina's tournament curtainagainst raiser Bolivia, Colombia and Costa Rica are geared up for their Copa America opener today at

Although the Argentinians are hot favourites to win Group A, second spot looks up for grabs and Costa Rica will be doubly keen to make the most of their last-minute invite following the withdrawal of Japan owing to the fallout from the deadly tsunami three months ago.

Coach Ricardo La Volpe will in particular hope for a strong showing as he wants to show what his Central Americans are made of, particularly as his side will later go up against his Argentinian compatriots.

La Volpe is Buenos-Aires born and was the reserve goalkeeper in the 1978 Argentine World Cup side but this month his loyalties are firmly with the 'Ticos' as they look to make the most of



their invitation to the party for the fourth time after 1997. 2001 and 2004.

Colombian counterpart Hernan Darío 'Bolillo' Gomez will likewise be expecting his side to get off to a flier as they target a second win after 2001, when they lifted the crown on home soil.

Whereas Costa Rica have a largely inexperienced side the Colombians will be expecting their strikeforce of Porto star Radamel Falcao Garcia and Teofilo Gutierrez, who plays his league trade in Argentina with Racing Club, to put three early points on the scoreboard.

Even if the likes of former greats Faustino Asprilla and Carlos Valderrama are no longer around to call upon, Gomez certainly expects the 'cafeteros' to get through the pool.

"If we don't get through the first round of the Copa America then I'm off - that much is clear. That is, I shan't so much just go; they'll fire me," said Gomez as he looked forward to the opening encounter.

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